

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**CRIMINAL NO. 2:24-cr-00074**

**CHARLES HATFIELD**

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE**

WHEREAS, the defendant, CHARLES HATFIELD, appeared before this Court on May 30, 2024, with the assistance of counsel, and pled guilty to the single count Information in this matter, which charged him with a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666 (theft or bribery concerning programs receiving Federal funds);

WHEREAS, the Plea Agreement also included a forfeiture allegation against CHARLES HATFIELD seeking a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$34,872.62 in United States currency, more or less, to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981, 982 or 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

WHEREAS, the defendant has consented to forfeit all of his right, title, and interest in the forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$34,872.62 in United States currency, more or less described above which constituted, or was derived from, any proceeds of, or facilitated the commission of, violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666 as set forth in the Information;

ACCORDINGLY, based on the defendant's plea of guilty and finding that there is a nexus between the property listed above and the offense to which the defendant has pled guilty, and that

the defendant had a possessory interest or other legal interest in the property, the Court hereby ORDERS that any and all interest of the defendant, CHARLES HATFIELD, in the property listed above be and the same hereby is FORFEITED to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981, 982 or 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

WHEREAS, Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(1) provides that “no ancillary proceeding is required to the extent the forfeiture consists of a money judgment.”

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3), upon entry of this order, the United States Attorney’s Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate, or dispose of the property, including depositions, interrogatories, and requests for production of documents, and to issue subpoenas pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.

A forfeiture money judgment shall be included in the defendant’s sentence, and the United States may take steps to collect the judgment from any property of the defendant, provided, the value of any forfeited specific assets shall be credited toward satisfaction of this money judgment upon liquidation.

The parties stipulate and agree that the aforementioned asset(s) constitute property derived from or traceable to proceeds of defendant’s crime(s) herein or property used in any manner to facilitate the commission of such offense(s) and are therefore subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981, 982 and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c). The defendant hereby waives the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment against defendant. If the defendant has previously submitted a claim in response to an administrative forfeiture proceeding regarding any of this property, defendant hereby withdraws

that claim. If defendant has not previously submitted such a claim, defendant hereby waives all right to do so.

As to any specific assets, following the Court's disposition of this matter, this order shall become the final order of forfeiture, as provided by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2), and the United States shall have clear title to the property and shall dispose of the property according to law.

It is further ORDERED that the Attorney General or his authorized designee shall dispose of the property according to law.

The Clerk is directed to send certified copies of this Order to counsel of record, to Devon Selby, Special Agent, United States Secret Service, 300 Summers Street, Suite 910, Charleston, West Virginia.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 4th day of June, 2024.

ENTER:



IRENE C. BERGER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

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